

CHAPTER 14
Fair Housing
(Rep. & recr. #62-87)

14.03 Commission

(1) **ADMINISTRATION OF FAIR HOUSING CODE.** The purposes and provisions of this chapter shall be administered by the City Equal Opportunities Commission established by §3.07 of this chapter and, when necessary, by the City Attorney.

(2) **POWERS AND DUTIES.** In administering this chapter, the Equal Opportunities Commission shall have the following powers:

(a) Adopt, amend, publish and rescind rules for governing its meetings and hearings.

(b) Adopt, amend, publish and rescind regulations consistent with and for the enforcement of this chapter.

(c) Appoint such other employees, agents and staff as are necessary to promote purposes of this chapter, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Common Council, and to prescribe their duties.

(d) Receive and investigate all complaints alleging any discriminatory practice prohibited by this chapter.

(e) Appoint mediators who initially shall seek a settlement agreeable to both the plaintiff and the respondent by means of informal conferences and any compensation therefor, subject to the Common Council's approval.

(f) If necessary, hold hearings after efforts at settlement based on complaints made against any person and a determination of probable cause; to administer oaths and to take testimony; to compel the production of books, papers and any other documents relating to any matters involving complaints; and to subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance pursuant to §885.01, Wis. Stats. If a witness either fails or refuses to obey a subpoena issued by the Commission, the Commission may order attendance. At any time after such an order is issued, the Commission may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for its enforcement.